



# ST BARNABAS PARISH PROFILE



# Welcome to the Parish of Canford Magna

Welcome to the Parish of Canford Magna and St Barnabas, Bearwood. St Barnabas is a modern church at the heart of its community – a welcoming, prayerful, faithful and generous family who love the Bible, welcome the ministry of the Spirit, and carry a rich heritage as a church plant born out of tremendous growth in the parish in the 1970s and 80s. But the focus today is not on those golden foundations, but on the expanding community around St Barnabas and the significant opportunities for mission that come with it. The church sits at the eastern edge of the parish and at the centre of Bearwood, sharing a precinct with a GP surgery, pharmacy, community centre and local shops – which gives it an organic, embedded presence in daily community life. And the community is growing: new housing developments at Canford Paddock and Canford Vale are bringing hundreds of new families into the area, families who will pass St Barnabas on their way to the GP surgery, to collect their Fish & Chips, or perhaps meet Hannah at Bearwood Primary or Lol in the community centre. The missional opportunity is on the doorstep.



In the five years since the last profile was written, God has clearly been at work! The previous incumbent brought real energy and left a lasting mark: a strengthened partnership with Bearwood Primary School, the appointment of a Children and Families Worker whose ministry is now thriving, the launch of Seedlings and Roots & Shoots reaching dozens of families every week, the creative 'Where's Jesus?' outreach, and a renewed rhythm of groups and community events that have embedded the church more deeply in the life of the estate.

The Canford Team consists of three churches in one parish, the others being Canford Parish Church and The Lantern Church. Each church runs fairly autonomously, but have continued to enjoy unity and a shared sense of values and core beliefs within the Charismatic Evangelical tradition, members of the New Wine network of churches. Each church has their own vicar and leadership team, with plenty of freedom, as I discovered when I joined the team as Team Vicar in 2018. However it has also been a joy to share in close partnership in the gospel as a parish (and single PCC), with the clergy team meeting fortnightly to share breakfast, pray with one another, sharing some of the burdens, collaborating well, supporting one another – recognising that we are stronger together. What strikes me most about this profile is the honesty and the hopefulness sitting side by side. St Barnabas knows what it is. It knows what it needs. And it is looking for someone who will not simply maintain what has been built, but will lead with vision and faith into the next chapter – someone who will pastor a warm congregation, stretch them gently, and help them believe for more.

I commend this document to you, trusting that God's Spirit already has his hand on whom he is calling, and that as you prayerfully consider it, he might begin to stir up in you that sense of call to join the mission and ministry to come in Canford Parish and the Salisbury Diocese. God bless you and feel free to email if you have any questions or would just like an exploratory chat.

*Revd Mike Tufnell Team Rector*

## An Introduction to the Vacancy by the Bishop of Sherborne . . .

This post offers an excellent and exciting opportunity for the right candidate to bring their own skills and leadership gifts as Team Vicar to a welcoming, and lively church.

We are looking for a confident leader who can build on the successes of the last few years and who is able, working with others, to take the congregation on to the next stage of its life. The church has developed a strong sense of outreach to the local community, and this is particularly important due to the growth of new housing taking place in this part of the Canford Team. This creates a huge opportunity for the church.

Teamwork, within the parish and across the wider Canford area, is essential as the three churches build on their own particular strengths, and draw from the wider resources available together. In Bearwood there is a particular need to develop new ministries, foster vocation, work with schools, encourage families and young people and lead people on in their desire to know more of the love of Jesus.

The Parish enjoys both a rural and suburban outlook, Cranborne Chase and New Forest are to the north and east and the beaches of Hampshire and Dorset to the south and west. The towns of Wimborne, Bournemouth, Poole and Ringwood are all close at hand. There are good transport links directly to the M27, to Bournemouth airport and M3 to London.

The deanery is extremely supportive and has worked hard in recent years to embrace both the suburban and rural. The deanery has a clear plan and good leadership.

The Team Rector is looking for an able colleague, who can lead St Barnabas and share in the ministry of the whole team, building on the best and maximising what each church has to offer. In turn the parish offers a well-appointed vicarage, some excellent schools and leisure activities for all ages on the doorstep.

Ministry in Dorset is rewarding and enjoyable. In recent years significant changes have been made in the way clergy are supported and encouraged, leading to a greater sense of collegiality.

Should you wish to know more about this post please do not hesitate to pay a discrete visit to take a look around or contact the Team Rector.

We look forward to hearing from you.

*Bishop Karen*



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## Welcome to St Barnabas & Bearwood!

Thank you for taking time to read our profile. We hope the next few pages will give you a clearer idea of who we are, where we sense the Lord is leading and whether He is calling you to lead us on the next stage of our adventure.



## Introduction

St Barnabas Bearwood is part of the Canford Magna Team Ministry and is situated at the heart of the Bearwood estate, an urban development on the border of Bournemouth and Poole. Opened in 1982, the church has prophetically been described as a beacon of God's light over the estate. During a time of prayer, a prophetic word was given of water flowing from the altar, through the church, and out into the community, flooding the estate with God's presence and blessing.

Our average Sunday congregation is up to 100 people (including those who join via livestream), made up of young people, families, and older adults. Throughout the week, the church building is well used, hosting a variety of activities and community engagement opportunities.

As an Anglican church striving to live out its inheritance in the evangelical and charismatic tradition, St Barnabas focuses on faithful Bible teaching and is known for being welcoming and friendly. We are eager to grow, both in number and in spiritual depth and we long to see more people come to faith in Christ.

The Bearwood estate continues to expand, bringing significant opportunities to share the Gospel and serve our community.

We are prayerfully seeking the person God is calling to be our new vicar, someone who will lead us with vision, faith, and wisdom for the journey ahead.



## About St Barnabas

The parish of Canford Magna covers a large geographical area which, until the twentieth century, was sparsely populated. The Lantern Church was built in 1976 to serve the developing Merley estate. A few years later, as Bearwood expanded, Bearwood Church Centre was established.

In January 2005 the Bishop of Sherborne formally dedicated it as St Barnabas. Throughout its history, the church has lived up to its name, being a source of encouragement and blessing to its congregation and the wider community.



Bearwood is geographically separated from the rest of the parish by greenbelt land. This distance has enabled St Barnabas to develop its own identity and sense of vocation to its local community, whilst remaining fully integrated within the Canford Parish Team Ministry.



St Barnabas is part of the Canford Parish Team. The relationship between the three churches and the PCC works well together to 'make Jesus known' across the parish. There is one PCC for the Canford Parish Team, with significant responsibilities delegated locally to each church's Sub-Committee.

Each church also has its own Sub-Committee, churchwardens, and treasurer, with many PCC responsibilities delegated locally.

This structure enables each church to retain a measure of independence in leadership while benefiting from the strength and support of the wider team.

In 2010, a significant extension was completed which greatly enhanced the church's capacity and versatility.

While the primary purpose of St Barnabas is to be a worship centre, the building is well suited to serving as a multi-purpose community facility. It includes a well-equipped kitchen, parish office, and several additional meeting rooms.



We have a positive relationship with the local amenities, community centre and healthcare unit which are located within the same precinct.

The Bearwood estate continues to grow, with several hundred new homes being built at Canford Paddock and a further local development planned. Alongside the existing estate, this growth brings increasing opportunities for mission as new families move into the community.

St Barnabas also has close links with Bearwood School. There are further opportunities for outreach and evangelism among both children and parents, and we are eager to see this relationship deepen. In 2023, Hannah was appointed as Children and Families Worker. Since her arrival, opportunities within the school and the wider community have grown significantly. Relationships with children and parents have strengthened, creating new pathways for outreach, discipleship, and growth.

" Bearwood Primary & Nursery School enjoys a strong partnership with St Barnabas Church. We work together to support our community, offering pupils opportunities to perform and take part in shared events. The church also enriches our RE learning, and the Open the Book Team's assemblies bring bible stories to life in a way our children greatly enjoy."

**Cheryl Smith, Headteacher at Bearwood Primary & Nursery School**

## Who's Who



Team Rector and Vicar of The Lantern	<b>Mike Tufnell</b>
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Canford Parish Church Vicar	<b>Matt Smith</b>
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Associate Minister The Lantern	<b>Will Burditt</b>
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## St Barnabas Leadership Team

St Barnabas Church Vicar	Vacancy
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Churchwarden	Michael Raymond	Men's Ministry
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Churchwarden	Lynn Rowe	Women's Ministry
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Licensed Lay Minister	David Wells	Subcommittee
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Children's & Family Worker	Hannah Tarring	Subcommittee
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Lay Pastoral Assistant	Ron Fletcher	Subcommittee
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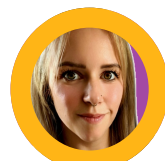


Lay Pastoral Assistant	Barbara Fletcher
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Youth Co-ordinator	Lol Scott-Farnell	Subcommittee
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Church Administrator	Abbie Shoosmith
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Treasurer	Sharon Raymond
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# The Heart of St Barnabas

Our vision is to make Jesus known in Bearwood and beyond – welcoming all, seeing lives transformed, and journeying together in faith.

At St Barnabas, our vision is shaped around three core values;

- Unconditional Welcome
- Transforming Lives
- Journeying Together

These express who we are and how we are continuing to grow as a church.

## *Unconditional Welcome*

We believe everyone matters to God, and therefore everyone matters to us.

We seek to be a church where all are welcomed with warmth, grace and generosity, regardless of background or stage of faith.

Our desire is to reflect the heart of Jesus in the way we receive, include and care for people.

As an outward looking church, we are committed to loving and serving our community in practical ways.

Through youth work in the neighbouring community centre - 'The Bridge', our 'Seedlings' and 'Roots and Shoots' groups for toddlers and babies, craft club, community events and other local partnerships, we aim to be a visible and accessible presence to all ages in Bearwood.

We believe God still heals and brings wholeness today. We offer opportunities for prayer and seek to grow a culture of expectancy, creating safe spaces where people can encounter God's love, peace and restoration.

“Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.” Romans 15:7



## *Transforming Lives*

We recognise that we are all works in progress. We have not “arrived,” but we long to become the people and church God is calling us to be. Transformation is an ongoing journey as the Holy Spirit shapes our character, deepens our faith, and equips us for mission—both within the church and in the communities we are called to serve.

We believe every Christian is called to be a witness to what God has done through Jesus. Our prayer is to see lives changed as we confidently and naturally share our faith, and as we actively engage with and serve those around us, reflecting God’s love in practical ways. We trust God to grow His church as we live this out together.

We believe that the transforming power of the Holy Spirit is central to spiritual growth.

## *Journeying Together*

We believe church is not simply a place to attend but a family to belong to. We are committed to walking together in faith, supporting, encouraging and learning from one another.

Every member has a part to play. Like the body described by the Apostle Paul, we are made up of many parts, each uniquely gifted and called. There is joy and blessing in serving, and we long to help every person discover and use their gifts, both within the church and in everyday life. We have engaged in many courses over the last few years and are excited for the future.

At St Barnabas, our prayer is that we would continue to grow as a church that welcomes without condition, sees lives transformed by Jesus, and journeys faithfully together into all that God has prepared for us.

## Our Strengths and Opportunities for Kingdom Growth

As we created this profile, we took time to reflect on the strengths of St Barnabas and the places where we hope to grow. By sharing these, we hope potential applicants can gain a clear picture of who we are and where they could support our journey as we travel forward.

Strong links with the school and community centre, helping us grow our presence locally.

A Children and Families Worker who is connecting with families in the community and running thriving groups for babies and toddlers alongside our Sunday children's work.

A warm, friendly and welcoming church family.

Weekly Life Groups that support learning, prayer and close relationships.

A wide range of worship styles, always prayerful and joyfully shared across generations.

A caring heart for those in need, offering food, prayer, financial help and listening support.

A variety of active groups led by committed volunteers.

A desire for the Living Word to teach us, mould, correct and train us for His Kingdom.

Two newly licensed LPA's.

Youth Work reaching out to and connected with our community.

We have seen miracles happen and trust in the Lord for this to continue.

There is an ongoing commitment to support the wider mission of God's Church locally and globally through prayer and giving.

St Barnabas is committed to the safeguarding of children, young people and vulnerable adults, and our new vicar will be expected to champion this commitment across all areas of church life.

“Every part of  
is God -breathed ...”

SCRIPTURE

2 Timothy 3:16

# Opportunities for Kingdom Growth

Our prayer meetings are in place, but we want to give them a new lease of life. We want to increase the vision and value of prayer within the church.

As new housing estates develop, our local mission field continues to grow.

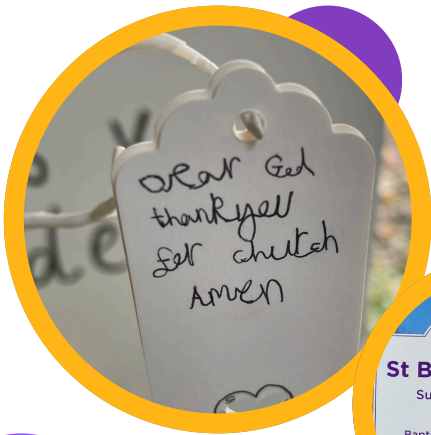
Although we are a warm and welcoming church, we still long to grow in accessibility so that all are included.

We are actively raising funds for the Children and Families Worker and want to keep investing in this area of ministry.

A small number of faithful people carry much of the serving. We want to encourage wider involvement and release the gifts of all ages in every area of church life. Growing our serving teams is important.

We want people of every age to feel drawn to St Barnabas.  
We hope for everyone to grow in discipleship and become ambassadors for Christ.

St Barnabas has long been seen as a lighthouse on Bearwood, shining God's love at the heart of our community. We are not perfect, but we love God, and we trust in His love and in the life Jesus gives, by His Spirit. We pray that God will call the right person to lead us forward so that we may know Him more and live for His glory.



# Could God Be Calling You to Lead St Barnabas?

We are seeking a leader who will journey with us, as we join in with what God is already doing in our Church and community.

## Key Areas of Calling and Gifting



### **Discipleship**

Jesus calls us to make disciples who make disciples. We long for a leader who models a vibrant personal walk with God and can cultivate a church-wide culture of discipleship across all ages and stages.



### **Pastor & Evangelist**

We need someone who will faithfully shepherd the congregation while leading us into new ground. A leader with evangelistic and apostolic instinct — someone who will stretch us, keep us from complacency, and equip us to reach our expanding community with creativity and confidence.



### **Leader of Leaders**

A leader who inspires trust and releases others into ministry. Someone able to identify, develop and empower gifts — raising leaders within the church and encouraging every member to live out their calling both in church life and in everyday contexts.



### **Vision & Strategic Direction**

We seek fresh energy and Spirit-led vision. Someone able to discern what God is doing, articulate clear direction, and translate vision into practical strategy for sustainable growth and mission.



### **Community Engagement & Mission Focus**

As an outward-looking church at the heart of Bearwood, we need a leader who will build partnerships, strengthen our presence in the community, and help us engage effectively with new housing developments and emerging opportunities.



# Personal Qualities We Value

Pastor

Ephesians  
4:11

"We value the full breadth of Ephesians 4:11 gifting across our whole team and congregation."

Apostle

Our future leader should:



Be Spiritually grounded and prayerful - a person with a deep authentic relationship with God who leads from a place of prayer and faith



Be a Biblically faithful and inspiring teacher - able to communicate Scripture clearly, engagingly, and in ways to connect with everyday life.



A Visionary Leader - someone who can discern where God is leading the church and guide the congregation with wisdom and purpose



Be passionate about growth and outreach - committed to growing the church both spiritually and numerically, with a heart for evangelism and community engagement.



Work in a collaborative and team oriented way. Works well with the church wardens, PCC, volunteers, and lay leaders, encouraging shared ministry.



Be pastoral and compassionate - approachable, caring and attentive to the spiritual and practical needs of people of all ages and backgrounds.



Be a good communicator and community builder - able to connect with a wide range of people and strengthen relationships within the church and the wider parish.



Active in the gifts of the Spirit — encouraging and equipping others to eagerly desire and grow in those gifts, building up and empowering the church for its life and mission.



Experience working alongside communities to make Jesus known is a key strength we value. Candidates should engage people from diverse and complex life situations with sensitivity, respect, and compassion, sharing the Gospel faithfully while being attentive to each person's story



Demonstrate wise governance, emotional intelligence, and safeguarding awareness appropriate for a growing church.

Teacher

Prophet

Evangelist



## A St Barnabas Sunday

Our church community and congregation are inter-generational and extend far beyond Sunday worship. We currently offer 4 types of service:

**Café Church**

**Encounter**

**Prayer  
Praise  
&  
Preach**

**Holy  
Communion**

**Holy Communion and PPP** include a sermon, songs of worship, and an opportunity for prayer ministry. Services begin at 10:30am, with children's ministry running during the main service. These services are live streamed via our website and YouTube channel. We also provide refreshments and a chance to catch up and connect with one another after the service.

**Café Church** is on the first Sunday of each month. This relaxed, informal service includes activities/crafts, along with pastries and coffee. Please note that Café Church is not live streamed. Café Church has recently welcomed new families into the church community.

**Encounter** takes place on the first Sunday of each month from 6:00–7:00pm. This is a more reflective service, creating space for extended praise and worship, and a reflective, intimate, prayerful, Spirit-filled atmosphere. Although currently a smaller gathering, it is gradually growing as more people are drawn to this style of worship. Encounter is open to all three churches.

**Worship:** At St Barnabas, our worship is shaped by a desire to seek the heart of God and to be drawn into His transforming presence. We gather to encounter the living God, who makes Himself known through Word and Spirit. As Scripture teaches, we worship "in spirit and in truth," offering our whole lives as living sacrifices, formed by Christ and empowered by the Holy Spirit. Through praise, prayer, sharing communion, and silence, we are reoriented toward God's holiness and love, renewed in faith, and sent out in mission—trusting that true worship shapes us into a people who love God wholeheartedly and reflect His kingdom in the world.



## Activities at St Barnabas Church

Our activities at St Barnabas are in an exciting season of growth

### Children & Families Ministry at St Barnabas

The Children & Families Ministry at St Barnabas is thriving, and it's a joy to walk alongside families as they explore faith and grow in community together. God is clearly at work in the life of our church and the wider Bearwood community, and we feel deeply blessed to join in with all that He is already doing.

Seedlings runs weekly (during term-time) and welcomes over forty pre-school aged children each week alongside their parents/carers. Due to such high demand, we have two Seedlings sessions available for families. Seedlings is a welcoming space for children and their families to play, explore and get to know one another. Many parents have made lasting relationships through the group, and it is making a positive impact on early experiences of parenthood and beyond.



Roots & Shoots is a group for pre-walking babies and their parents/carers. It provides a safe, welcoming space for parents/ carers to enjoy gentle play with their baby, meet other new parents and seek support from one another and the church. Parental leave and life with a newborn/young baby can be isolating and it's a blessing to offer hospitality and a place of nurture for these families.

## Children's Church

Our Sunday morning Children's Church currently welcomes up to fourteen children each week and engages children of different ages. We love to explore the word of God together and it's a delight to journey alongside the children of St Barnabas as they experience God for themselves through prayer, worship, play and creativity. We have a wonderful team and hope to grow the team as the ministry expands.

## Bearwood Primary & Nursery School

Our partnership with Bearwood Primary & Nursery School has strengthened over the last few years and is growing.

It's fantastic to link with the school for several regular and seasonal activities, from listening to children read each week, to Open the Book and Harvest/Christmas services at St Barnabas.

In addition, we welcome the whole school to church each year for Experience Easter, where each class engages with the Easter story through story stations, reflection and activities.



St Barnabas has the privilege of supporting families in need at school through our Blessings Fund . We contribute to the free school breakfast club.

## Holiday Provision

We always have exciting events in the school holidays for families to engage with and it's wonderful to see members of the community coming together at St Barnabas. We love to welcome families in the school holidays for movie afternoons, activity mornings, play drop-in sessions and more. We loved launching 'Where's Jesus?' last year, where families searched for small figures of Jesus around Bearwood! This was an exciting opportunity to engage with the community and welcome families to St Barnabas and we look forward to this becoming an annual community activity. We run an annual Light Party, Bonfire Night Drop-in and regular 'Walk & Toddle' gatherings for families.

Rather than an annual holiday club in the summer, we run different activities and events for families to attend each week during the holidays. This regular engagement supports families with fun and free activities throughout the summer.



"Seedlings has a wonderful family feel, the staff are so kind and approachable. It's low pressure and children get to explore and interact at their own pace. They have created a community where everyone feels welcome, it's a highlight of our week!"

**Seedlings Baby & Toddler Group  
Parent**



"Seedlings is a wonderful play group that offers a home from home environment with lovely volunteers and likeminded mothers! The children are all kind & the set up allows them to play freely and creatively. Also a warm cup of tea for the parent whilst your child has a snack! Perfect, can whole heartedly recommend to any local mums!"

**Seedlings Baby & Toddler Group  
Parent**



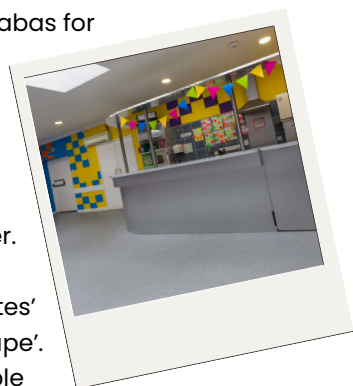
# The St Barnabas Church Youth Project

St Barnabas Church Youth Project is dedicated to supporting, encouraging and empowering young people within the community. Our vision is to provide a space for the young people of Bearwood to gather safely, experience new things and be introduced to the Christian faith in an accessible way. We're excited to see what God is doing in Bearwood and look forward to what 2026 brings for our young people.

We have been running 'Xtreme', its Friday evening provision, for over twenty-six years! Our Youth Project is based in 'The Bridge' Youth Centre within Bearwood Community Centre. 'Xtreme' offers a safe space for young people to grow, connect and thrive. Our young people love engaging with different activities each week, from pool, to table tennis, arts/crafts, dodgeball and more!

'Unite 2 Nite 2' (U2N2) meet every other Sunday in St Barnabas for fellowship, discussion time, games and activities with a Christian theme/message. We welcome up to ten young people, the majority of whom do not attend church. In 2026, U2N2 will be exploring 'Vox', the youth program of 'Christianity Explored'. This is an exciting opportunity to delve deeper into faith and explore big questions together.

For the past three years, the group have attended 'Satellites' youth camp, a youth conference facilitated by 'Youth Scape'. This has been a wonderful experience for our young people (many of whom are not engaged with traditional church), as they experience worship, teaching and explore faith and spirituality for themselves.



## Summer Fete

As in previous years, in the summer of 2025, our church, in partnership with the local community centre, hosted a well- attended afternoon community fete, welcoming more than 300 people from across Bearwood. The event reflects our commitment to collaboration, hospitality, and active engagement within the parish.

For one afternoon, our shared spaces became a lively and welcoming hub for families and neighbours. Local performers contributed music and dance, celebrating the diversity of our community. A highlight was the Bearwood Bake Off, judged by a well-known local celebrity judge, which combined creativity, fun and friendly competition.



Refreshments throughout the afternoon encouraged conversation and new relationships.

Our approach to such events is rooted in theology. As The Message translation of John's Gospel puts it, God took on flesh and blood and moved into the neighbourhood. We seek to reflect that incarnational presence in Bearwood: being visible, relational and embedded in local life. The fete was more than a social gathering; it was an expression of our desire to serve and flourish alongside our community.

We are praying for a new Vicar who will join us in fully engaging the neighbourhood we are called to serve.



**“Flesh AND Blood AND  
Moved into the  
neighbourhood”**



## Life Groups

Life Groups are at the heart of our church community, meeting weekly to grow together in faith and friendship. These smaller gatherings create space to reflect more deeply on what Jesus is saying through our Sunday services, helping us to apply biblical teaching and Christian theology to everyday life. Through thoughtful discussion, Scripture, and shared insight, we encourage one another to listen, learn, and respond to God's leading.

They are also a place to build meaningful relationships rooted in faith. As we journey together, supporting and encouraging one another, strong and lasting connections are formed. In these groups, everyone is known, valued, and encouraged, growing not only in faith, but in theological understanding and genuine Christian community.

These were formed following a Mission-Shaped Living course run at church, which encouraged intentional discipleship, theological reflection, and living out faith authentically in everyday life.



## The Forge Mens Fellowship

We have men of various ages and Christian experience in St Barnabas. The Forge Men's Fellowship aims to build friendships, encourage each other and have fun.

In recent years our fellowship has included meeting for breakfasts, and going for a curry. This gives us an ideal opportunity to talk about God's Word and share with others who show an interest about our discussions.

Whilst currently low in numbers, it has been great to keep it alive and support one another either face to face or by our WhatsApp group.



## Ladies Group

The ladies group is a friendly social group that meets monthly to share food, life & new experiences. They have taken part in many activities including, visits to local areas and attractions, lunches out, film afternoons and even hosted guest speakers.



## Local & Global Mission

At St Barnabas we consider mission to be an integral part of our worship.

A new Mission Group was recently formed to give a higher profile to the missions we support.

A successful 'Mission Sunday' was held recently with many partners attending and sharing lunch together following the service. This has generated a monthly focused mission prayer time during our Sunday service.

Being part of Canford Churches, we together support five missions:  
(Click all the links for more information )



**Bible Society**



**Diocese of Salisbury**



**Church Pastoral Aid Society**



**The Church's Ministry among Jewish People**



**New Wine**

At St Barnabas we connect prayerfully and financially with the following mission partners:



**Mission 4 Water**

"Thanks once more for your support and for being such faithful mission partners. We are truly grateful for your generosity, prayers, and encouragement, and we pray God's richest blessings on you and all you do in the year ahead."



**Hear Their Roar**



**Prama**

"I very much enjoyed yesterday, and definitely received a warm welcome, it was wonderful to meet so many people I have worked with previously. I benefitted a lot from the service. Here at Prama, we are very appreciative of your support."



**The Lunchbox Network**

# Financial Summary



## St Barnabas Finances Overview

Each year's budget at St Barnabas is prepared with prayer and thoughtful care, balancing our ongoing needs with future plans. Our Treasurer closely monitors income and spending and shares regular updates through the Sub-Committee to the Business Forum and the PCC.

Although finances can be difficult, the St Barnabas family continues to show generous support. Last year began with a shortfall, yet several unexpected gifts arrived just when they were needed. Nearly three years ago, we appointed a Children's and Families Worker, and the church family provided most of the first year's funding. Two three-year grants have since helped strengthen this ministry.

We remain thankful for God's provision and aim to use every resource wisely and with gratitude.



## Commitment to Mission

Outreach and mission support are central to our financial life. Each year, 10% of all donated income is shared with our Mission Partners. These partners are prayerfully chosen and reviewed regularly, and whenever possible we invite them to visit and update the congregation on their work. Alongside this, our 'Blessing Fund' offers practical help to families in the Bearwood community and supports children at Bearwood Primary School.

## Financial Management and Oversight

The St Barnabas Sub-Committee works under the authority of the Business Forum and the PCC, holding significant delegated responsibility. This structure allows most decisions to be made locally, with only the largest commitments requiring further approval.

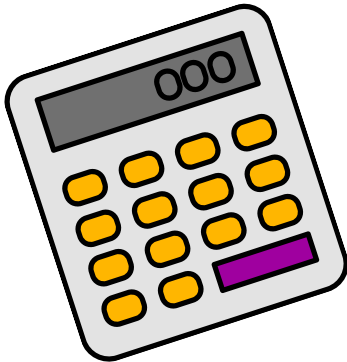


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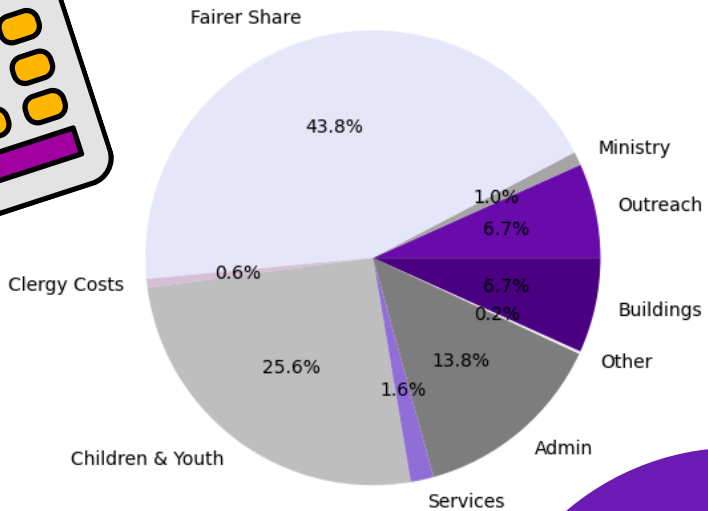
INCOME	2023 (£)	2024 (£)	2025 (£)
Collections	10,351	7,832	7,784
Planned Giving	63,426	61,127	57,623
Gift Aid	16,181	17,376	15,028
Other Voluntary Income	7,512	104	8,240
Legacies / Grants	38,550	48,218	32,192
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>136,020</b>	<b>134,657</b>	<b>120,867</b>

EXPENDITURE	2023 (£)	2024 (£)	2025 (£)
Outreach, Mission & Evangelism	12,272	11,151	9,648
Ministry	1,578	2,362	1,376
Fairer Share	56,782	61,325	62,901
Clergy Costs	957	1,307	877
Children & Youth	15,241	29,243	36,711
Services	1,738	3,147	2,348
Admin (incl. Salaries)	18,952	17,900	19,771
Other	255	-	260
Buildings & Utilities	13,112	11,328	9,688
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>120,887</b>	<b>137,763</b>	<b>143,580</b>

NET (DEFICIT) / SURPLUS	2023 (£)	2024 (£)	2025 (£)
	<b>15,133</b>	<b>-3,106</b>	<b>-22,713</b>



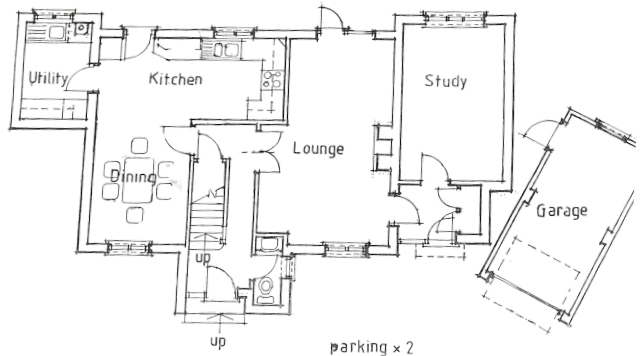
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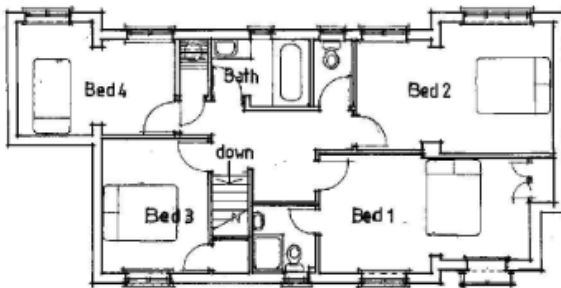
## The Vicarage

The vicarage is a substantial detached house with double glazing throughout and is situated on a quiet road near the centre of the Bearwood residential estate, a short walk to St Barnabas Church.

The first floor comprises three double bedrooms (one of which is en-suite) and a single bedroom. There is also a bathroom with separate bath and shower cubicle. The house shares a sizeable driveway with the neighbour. The rear of the property affords a large attractive garden, which is largely secluded.



GROUND FLOOR



FIRST FLOOR

## Local Area

Bearwood is located approximately five miles from both Bournemouth and Poole Town Centre in South East Dorset, within the Bournemouth, Christchurch and Poole (BCP) Council area.

At the heart of the community is a central hub that includes St Barnabas Church, a community centre, a doctors' surgery, a pharmacy, a medium sized Co-op, a charity shop, and a fish and chip shop.

The area is well served for families, with a nursery and primary school, a pre-school, play parks, entertainment complex and attractive green spaces. These include Canford Heath, Canford Country Park and Longham Lakes.

The community centre is owned by BCP Council and leased to community centre trustees, who oversee its management and upkeep. Although St Barnabas Church has no formal connection with the community centre, several church members are actively involved in the community association.

Bearwood offers a range of housing, from flats to detached homes, creating a diverse community with varied socio-economic backgrounds. A new housing estate is nearing completion, with further developments planned nearby.

The surrounding area offers excellent leisure opportunities. The coast, with its miles of sandy beaches, water sports, and beautiful scenery, is just a 15 minute drive away.

The New Forest and the Purbeck Hills are also within easy reach, along with popular attractions. Bournemouth Airport, around four miles away, provides flights to numerous holiday destinations.



## Local Schools

School	Distance	Ages	Ofsted	Number of Pupils
Bearwood	0.5 miles	3-11	Good	232
Elm	1 mile	3-11	Good	362

Bearwood Primary and Nursery School serves children locally and there is also a pre-school catering for children aged 2 to 5.

Due to the recent housing developments and the school now being at full capacity, a number of Bearwood children attend Elm Academy. Elm Academy has received national recognition for its excellent outcomes for disadvantaged children, and its popular breakfast club supports many local families.

The following mixed-gender secondary schools serve the Bearwood area .

School	Distance	Ages	Ofsted	Number of Pupils
LeAF Studio	0.7 miles	13-19	Good	439
Oak Academy	0.9 miles	11-16	Requires Improvement	418
The Bourne Academy	1.9 miles	11-18	Good	964
St Edward's RC/CofE School	4.3 miles	11-18	Good	1,056

School	Distance	Ages	Ofsted	Number of Pupils
Bournemouth School for Boys	4.2 miles	11-18	Outstanding	1,081
Poole Grammar School for Boys	4.3 miles	11-18	Good	1,201
Bournemouth School for Girls	3.9 miles	11-18	Outstanding	1,159
Parkstone Grammar School for Girls	5.1 miles	11-18	Outstanding	1,224

In addition, there are four selective grammar schools in the wider area (Years 7-13). Admission to these schools is based on passing an entrance examination.





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